

# Alabama News Release



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## Cotton, Soybeans, and Peanut Production Down

Alabama continues to experience late summer drought across the east-central region, with most parts of the state still in need of rain. While drier-than-normal conditions promoted early harvesting of corn and cotton, late developing crops are showing increasing levels of stress.

**Corn** as of October 3, 2010, was rated 79 percent fair to excellent condition, with 94 percent of the corn harvested. The corn-yield forecast, which is unchanged from September, shows an increase of 12 bushels per acre from 2009 to 120 bushels per acre. Corn production is expected to total 30,000,000 bushels.

**Cotton** planted and harvested acres are estimated at 345,000 and 343,000 acres, respectively. Cotton yield is forecast at 616 pounds per acre, a decrease of 14 pounds per acre from September and 52 pounds per acre lower than 2009; production is forecast at 440,000 bales. Cotton condition is rated 70 percent fair to excellent condition, with 62 percent of cotton bolls opening, compared with 15 percent opening in 2009.

**Peanut** condition is 69 percent fair to excellent, with 23 percent of peanuts harvested, compared with 5 percent harvested in 2009. Peanuts planted and harvested acres are 190,000 acres and 187,000 acres, respectively. The peanut yield is estimated at 2,600 pounds per acre, a decrease of 300 pounds per acre from September and 700 pounds per acre from 2009; total peanut production is forecast at 486,200,000 pounds.

**Soybean** acreage decreased to 360,000 acres planted from 440,000 acres in 2009, with an expected 350,000 acres harvested. Yield is forecast at 29 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels per acre from September and 11 bushels per acre for 2010, giving a total production of 10,105,000 bushels. Soybean condition is 66 percent fair to excellent, with 22 percent of soybeans harvested, compared with 5 percent harvested in 2009.

## Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, October 1

		Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
			Indicated		Indicated		Indicated		Indicated
Crop	Unit	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
<b>ALABAMA</b>		— Thousand —		— Thousand —		— Units —		- Thousand Units -	
Upland cotton <sup>1</sup>	Bales	255	345	248	343	668	616	345	440
Corn for grain	Bu.	280	270	250	250	108	120	27,000	30,000
Soybeans	Bu.	440	360	430	350	40	29	17,200	10,150
Peanuts	Lb.	155	190	150	187	3,300	2,600	495,000	486,200
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		— Thousand —		— Thousand —		— Units —		— Million Units —	
Upland cotton <sup>1</sup>	Bales	9,008	10,829	7,391	10,566	766	835	11.8	18.4
Corn for grain	Bu.	86,482	88,222	79,590	81,263	164.7	155.8	13,110.1	12,663.9
Soybeans	Bu.	77,451	77,714	76,372	76,823	44.0	44.4	3,359.0	3,408.2
Peanuts	Lb.	1,116	1,290	1,079	1,261	3,412	3,106	3,691.7	3,916.2

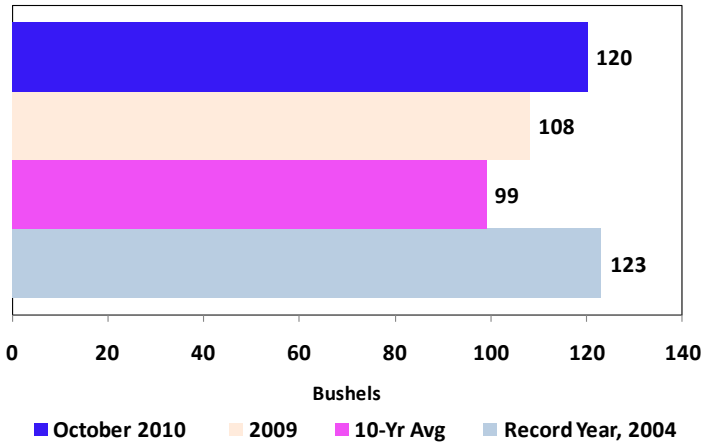
<sup>1</sup> Yield per acre indicated in pounds.

*Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around October 1 and do not reflect changes in condition since that time.*

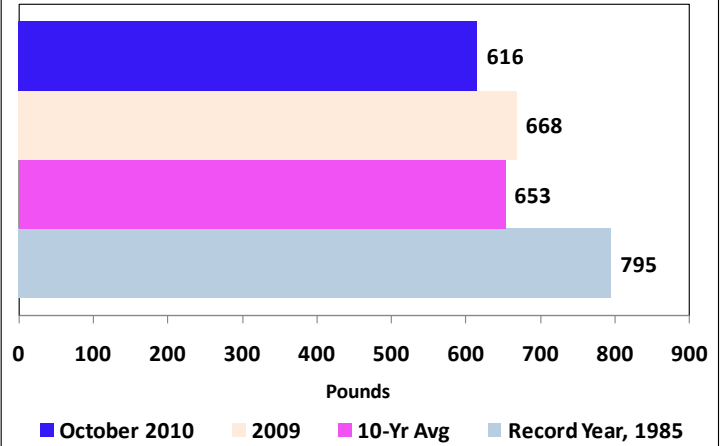
*Results are based on the October Agriculture Yield Survey from a sample of approximately 470 producers. The NASS Alabama Field Office wishes to thank all the respondents who participated in the survey.*

# Alabama Crop Yield Statistics

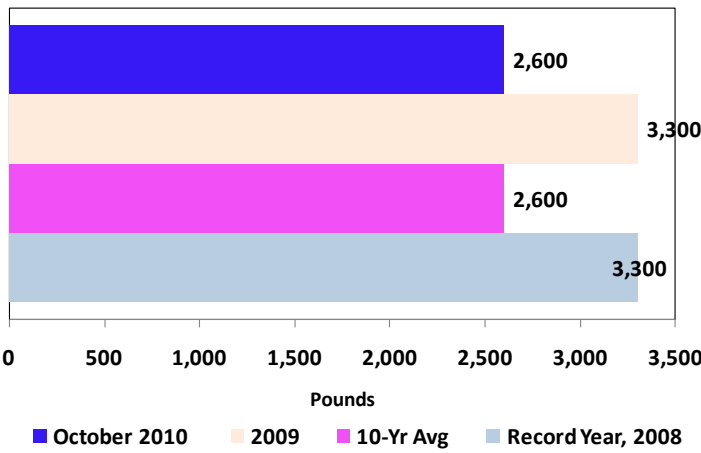
## Corn Yield



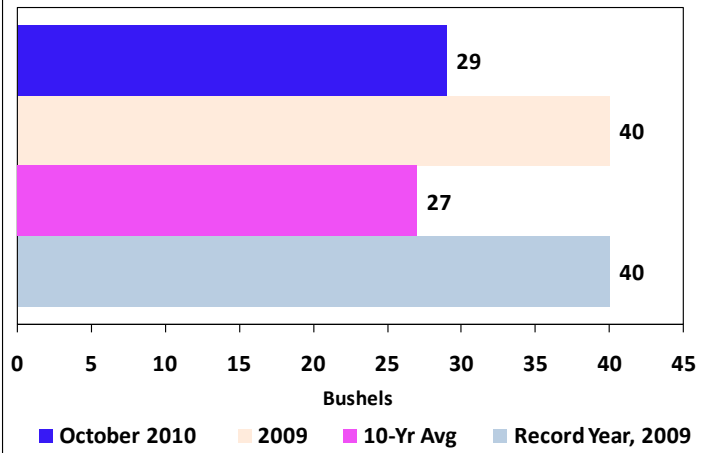
## Cotton Yield



## Peanut Yield



## Soybean Yield



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